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REMINISCENCES

Of Ye Olden Times Furnished by One Who Grew Up in a Pioneer Home.

Incidents Illustrating Customs of the Early Settlers of the County Are Entertainingly Recounted.

(Continued from last week.)

But it would be misleading to imagine that all country boys, men and women, who have gone to towns have succeeded financially. Indeed only one now and then have succeeded as well as their brothers did who remained on the farm, many of whom have kept adding acre to acre until they have good farms.

Among the friends of my youth those who stuck to the farm (if they were temperate men) are now in their old age, owners of good farms, living in good houses and are enjoying all the necessities, and most of them many luxuries of life.

This cannot be said of all my acquaintances who left the farm to seek for greater wealth or political honors. Men who enter into business with fair prospects of success often make a failure. While it is a rare thing for a farmer, who was ever prosperous, to make an entire failure. And to their honor and credit be it said, that when they do fail, it is also rare for them to take the benefit of the bankrupt law and still live in fine houses and in comfort while their creditors may have to lose all of their hard earned savings.

Everyone of father's neighbors kept their homes until they died, leaving them to their descendants, and they all lived to be quite aged before they were separated by death. In all that community I only recall the (comparatively) early death of one mother and she lived until her youngest child of a family of twelve was quite a lad. So you see if farm life and hard work is not healthful, the people were anyhow. But all parts of Highland county are noted for healthfulness.

Most of the farms in our community after having been cleared of the timber were large enough to be divided, and one or more of the children have built themselves nice comfortable homes on it, besides the old house, where their parents lived and died, being occupied by one or their heirs.

I am so glad that the dear old home of my childhood and youth still remains in the family. A great-granddaughter of father's with her husband, one of Highland county's prominent pedagogues as well as a successful farmer, and who is the son of one of my most intimate girl friends, own that part of the farm where the house stands in which I was born. A cordial welcome awaits all relatives and friends who may wish to visit them. So they dispense the same generous hospitality for which the home was noted during father's lifetime.

The old house seems about as good as ever proving that in "The good old days of yore" there were honest and capable brick masons and carpenters, as well as farmers. Two old tall pear trees, which were bearing fruit when father bought the farm in 1832, are still standing near the old house, and much taller than it (though it is two stories high) and they are still bearing the sweetest and most luscious seedling pears I ever tasted. Those trees have withstood the wintry blasts and summer storms for perhaps 100 years, yet still they are there, like two tall sentinels, as though they had been placed there to guard the dear loved home as long as it stands.

Father's youngest child is living in a pretty and good house he built on another part of the farm and enjoys advantages of which our parents never dreamed would be possible in the lifetime of their children. He has a complete system of water works running through his house and barn made possible by a wind mill pump, which are becoming quite common now in the country. Has a telephone in his house by which he can call a physician when needed, instead of having to ride miles over muddy, corduroy roads for one, as his father had to do. He even has an electric light in a dark closet, and a good grained pike in front of his house and another one running parallel with it about a half mile farther away, and numerous other ones running in all directions, along which are distributed beautiful country residences, churches and school houses. One can stand in brother's door and look over miles and miles of fertile fields with scarcely a stump of the monarchs of the beautiful forest I have told you of. And the traction cars run within

about a quarter of a mile of the old home and all have rural delivery. The young people of our country can not realize the wonderful evolutions through which it has passed during the life time of their grandparents.

Remember that for some time after I was born there were only two pikes in Highland county, while now with taxes paid by the farmers, nearly every road is nicely graded and graveled, and any farmer of any note has his carriage or buggy or both, and the boys have their bicycles and their own buggies in which to go courting and take their girls driving. The more intelligent and sensible persons, who have always lived in cities, are beginning to realize that life in the country is an ideal life since they can have so many of the conveniences of the city and so many comforts and pleasures which the city can not give them. But there are others with less intelligence or with a lack of appreciation for the beauties of nature who seem to think that farmers and their wives and daughters are the veriest slaves with but little intelligence and know nothing but hardships.

(To be Continued.)

TO SUBSCRIBERS

The New Postal Ruling Will go Into Effect April 1.

The postoffice department has extended the time of going into effect of the recently issued regulations that especially effect newspapers until April 1. After that date no publisher can send his periodical through the mails at second class newspaper rates to any one who is in arrears for more than one year.

The regulations read as follows: "A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed after that term for which they are paid, within the following periods: Dailies within three months, semi-weeklies within nine months, weeklies within one year, they shall not be counted in the legitimate list of subscribers, and copies mailed on account thereof shall not be accepted for mailing at the second class postage rate of one cent a pound, but may be mailed at the transient second class rate of one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof, prepaid by stamps affixed."

We have recently sent notices to all our subscribers who are affected by this ruling and the big majority have responded. There are a few who have not and on April 1 we will be compelled to drop their names from our list. It is not a matter of choice with us under these regulations. The orders are positive and no paper in the country could exist if they were compelled to place a stamp on each paper sent out. If you have not already responded to the notice please do so at once. We do not want to drop a single subscriber.

School Report for February.

The total enrollment in the Hillsboro schools to date for the year is 431 boys, 419 girls; total 850. The average daily attendance was 361 boys, 358 girls; total 719. The per cent of attendance on the average monthly enrollment was 94.2. Mrs. Mark's room had 100 per cent attendance. 180 boys, 198 girls; total 388 pupils were neither absent nor tardy. There were 11 cases of tardiness. The Superintendent made 90 visits and the patrons of the schools 577 visits to the various rooms. Appropriate exercises were held the day before Washington's birthday, and that accounts for the large number of visitors. The Savings Bank deposits were \$164 83.

F. H. WARREN, Supt.

Lecture Course.

The last number in the School Entertainment Course will be given at Bell's Opera House Monday evening, March 9. It will be a concert given by the famous Apollo Quintet and Bell Ringers. This is a unique organization and one of the best in the country. Their repertoire is one of great variety. In addition to bell ringing they have a saxophone quartet, a mixed vocal quartet, banjo soloist and trick player, etc. No one should miss this opportunity for hearing this splendid musical organization.

The Concert will begin at 8:30 o'clock and the game of basket ball which occurs on the same evening will be over before that time, so that neither will interfere with the other.

The play will be on at Schweinbergers Friday morning, March 6, at seven o'clock. Single admission 50 cents.

The Haskell Indian basket ball team will contest with the local team at the Armory next Monday night and an exciting contest is promised. Every lover of the sport should attend.

FLAG PRESENTATION

On Friday Evening Gave the Old Veterans a Pleasant Surprise.

Handsome Flag and Bible Presented John M. Barrere G. A. R. Post by their Ladies Auxiliary.

The W. R. C. of this place on last Friday evening stole a march, so to speak, on the Grand Army organization in their hall. This surprise was nothing less than the presentation of a bible and "Old Glory." The bible was a neat and substantial copy and what might be called a family size or quarto edition. The flag was a handsome affair, and its dimensions was 5 by 8, standard make.

As is already intimated this presentation was quite a surprise to the veterans, and brought up the old patriotic spirit of the sixties. The presentation of the flag was neatly done by Mrs. Marks in her individual way, with the ease of manner which is peculiar to that lady. She said:

Commander, Officers and Comrades of John M. Barrere Post, Hillsboro, Ohio:—Conscious of your personal worth, with a high and just appreciation of your services to our country in her time of need, with a higher appreciation of your acceptability as citizens in these long years of peace, and with a heart filled with gratitude to the great "All Father" who has vouchsafed to you these quiet years in happy homes with loved ones, I come bearing to you a gift of love from your loyal auxiliary. I deem it a very great honor to be considered worthy of representing the Woman's Relief Corps in this act of presenting to you a new "Old Glory" to drape the altar upon which will ever be found an open volume of God's laws, and before which our Nation's noblemen, the old soldiers, come to pay their vows and to pledge anew their "Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty," not only to the members of the great Grand Army, but to all, yea, even to the weakest of God's creatures. For I am fully convinced that:

"Search each comrade's heart and there, Graven with the tenderest care, We shall find these letters three: Linked in blessed trinity: Honored, loved and heeded well, Honored more than tongue can tell Golden are they P. C. L."

At the close of Mrs. Marks' words she draped the altar in presence of both orders, the G. A. R.'s and the W. R. C.'s. The way was opened in this manner for a eulogy on Old Glory and a tender and touching tribute to the veterans of the sixties. This tribute was the work of Mrs. Luella Pence, and in the following words:

Citizen Soldiers:—The duty falls upon me, in behalf of the Women's Relief Corps, to present you this bible for the use and service of your patriotic organization. You are the remnant of that noble band of self-sacrificing men, who enlisted in the Grand Army of the Republic, to crush out treason, break the shackles from the limbs of four million slaves and give to the world the stately banner of the free without spot or stain. It is fitting that this bible, God's guide to the higher better life, should be in your possession and keeping. It will lead you into a new world, the world that always has been and must always be, and in that world man is king. King because he is man, and the treasure of his kingdom is the wealth of his mankind.

The above words brought moisture to the eyes of the veterans and their breathing was heavily drawn, several of whom made fitting and feeling comments and compliments as to the efforts and success of the W. R. C. organization.

Among the speakers may be mentioned Commander John McMullen, Capt. Gardner, Gilbert Holmes, Squire Maddox, and others.

It should not be omitted to state that music, yes, patriotic music, that always touches the feelings of every true American, was also one of the features of the occasion. Mrs. George Cooper and Miss Byrde Maddox did themselves proud, and made their audience feel proud of them in their rendition of their patriotic songs, The Star Spangled Banner and America. Also Mrs. Mary Roads in her own pleasing manner recited the beautiful patriotic number, We Will March in Grand Review, which was a fitting climax to the evening's programme. Thus ended one of the interesting events and memorial days of the G. A. R.'s and W. R. C.'s.

Grant McCoy, formerly of this county, and a son of C. F. McCoy, died last Wednesday at his home in Xenia.

SUPREME

Reigns Taft in State Convention Now Convened in Columbus.

"Ohio Senators" Are Ignored by Delegates, Who Repudiate Unit Vote--Harris Chosen Again for Governor.

Like the "Iowa meeting" of '04 New England, with its individuality of thought and vote, is the Republican State Convention which began its sessions in Columbus Tuesday afternoon. At the very outset, the Committee on Rules repudiated the unit vote as "unrepublican and belonging only to Democratic National Conventions." This fact, leaving the delegates free add untrammelled to act as real representatives of the Republican party, coupled with the eliminations of the "Ohio Senators" from the machinery of the party, was the culmination of the Taft sentiment which has swept the state from end to end.

The old era of a "cut and dried" slate has been relegated to the past. As far as the state ticket is concerned, with the exception of the offices of Governor, Secretary of State and Dairy and Food Commissioner, only the vote of the convention will decide. Until then no man can know who will be chosen.

Governor Andrew L. Harris will be nominated by acclamation for his present office as will be Carmel A. Thompson for that of Secretary of State. Renick W. Dunlap has no opposition for the office of Dairy and Food Commissioner. The other offices, for which nominees are to be chosen, and for which hot contests are being waged, include that of Lieutenant Governor, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, School Commissioner, Board of Public Works, Supreme Court Judges and Clerks of Supreme Court.

The pre-convention talk of the "temporary occupancy" of the executive chair by Governor Harris and his subsequent elevation to a United States Senatorship was silenced by the announcement of the governor that if he should be nominated and elected to his present office he would serve out the full term.

One of the interesting features of the fight that was hotter as the final test of strength approaches, is the activity of the labor representatives. It is claimed that strong pressure has been brought to bear upon the delegates by these in opposition to the re-nomination of Jno. A. Shauk, of Dayton, for Supreme Court Judge. It is claimed by his opponents that Judge Shauk favors the corporations. This statement, however, is vandered by the judge's friends as false in its entirety.

It was in the organization of the district conventions that formal change of hands was made from the "Ohio Senators" to the Taft leaders. This change was practically without a fight, the voice of the rank and file of the Republican party in the state, ruling supreme.

The final blow was delivered to Senators Foraker and Dick when every man with the exception of one, who favored the senator's interest, was wiped from the State Central Committee. Even this "protestant" added his vote to that of his twenty fellows in making the re-election of Walter F. Brown, of Toledo, as chairman of the committee unanimous.

In the two counties where there were contested delegations, the Committee on Credentials offered the olive branch of peace to all by seating both and giving each delegate half a vote. Ross county with Pike occupies this "house divided against itself" position in the convention. The contestants from Ross are E. C. Rockhold of Rainbridge and Wm. McDowell of Chillicothe.

At the opening of the convention Tuesday afternoon, the great Memorial hall, where the sessions are being held, was packed with the 1700 delegates and alternates together with the thousands of men and women visitors. It is in fact the largest convention held by the Republican party in years.

Jas. R. Garfield, secretary of the Interior, was introduced as temporary chairman by Chairman Brown of the State Central Committee and a burst of applause rang through the auditorium as the secretary advanced to deliver his address.

Luding Governor Harris' administration and declaring that the control of the Republican party in the state has been one marked by "industrial prosperity and political progress", the speaker then passed to national affairs. He praised without stint the

administration of President Roosevelt. "Thus," he said, "we welcome the coming campaign—the record is made—we are ready to choose our leader, and again the son of Ohio is the destined man. Our people have made their selection—William H. Taft. He stands prominent among the purest, wisest and strongest men of the nation."

Branch Grocery Discontinued.

The McKeehan Hiestand Wholesale Grocery Co., of this city, who have been conducting a branch at Blanchester the past two years have discontinued the house there and the stock there has been shipped to this city. The following letter they have sent to their customers gives the reasons for the change:

We believe that you will agree with us that it is, and always has been our policy in business to do all we can to serve the best interests of our customers, and we are most highly appreciative of the business it has been your pleasure to place with us.

Endeavoring to best conserve these mutual interests, we on March 1, 1908, opened a branch house at Blanchester, and have put forth every effort to serve you promptly and efficiently. How well we have succeeded is but evidenced by the nice business we have done and to which you have helped contribute.

We, however, are not of the opinion that we are, with this branch house, serving the interests for which it was intended as well as we would like, as we find it almost impossible to keep at all times at Blanchester the full and complete assortment of goods that we carry at Hillsboro, and since this is the case, we believe we can better and more economically serve you by applying our entire efforts toward making our Hillsboro house one of the largest and best in this section of south-west Ohio.

Upon thorough investigation, we find freight rates to most of our shipping points are now so adjusted that they are practically the same from Hillsboro as from Blanchester. Of course, there are very small differences at some points, but so slight that our increasing facilities for taking care of orders promptly and filling them more completely from Hillsboro will more than offset this very small feature, and will undoubtedly, we think, prove to you much more satisfactory than the present arrangement.

We trust this change may be to our mutual advantage and that we may be favored with a larger amount of your orders in the future than we have been in the past, as we think, we will undoubtedly be in better position to serve you than we have ever been.

Again thanking you for many favors, we are,

Most sincerely,

THE MCKEEHAN, HESTAND GROC. CO.

Hudson Sentenced.

The jury in the case of the State of Ohio vs. Willis Hudson, indicted for manslaughter, brought in a verdict last Wednesday afternoon after being out less than an hour of guilty as charged in the indictment. On Monday he was sentenced to the Mansfield reformatory by Judge Newby for an indeterminate period. This was one of the shortest murder trials ever held in this county, occupying but three days. Only one day was necessary for the presenting of all evidence and the other two being taken up in securing a jury and with arguments of the attorneys.

The Mt. Orab bank was broken open Tuesday night, the safe opened and \$4,500 taken. The robbers escaped on a hand car.

SUNNY FLORIDA

A Highland County Tourist Writes Enthusiastically of the Fine Climate.

Tampa a Modern City With a Fine Port and Good Hotels--Ranks Seventh as a Revenue Producer.

TAMPA, FLA., Feb. 28, '08.

EDITOR NEWS-HERALD:—Have been in Tampa for a number of weeks and it is all that a North-in invalid can desire. The weather is simply perfect, almost like June in Ohio, though not quite so warm. There are no sudden changes in the weather that are so hard on the health as experienced in Highland county.

Tampa is a beautiful city with modern buildings, a number ranging from 12 to 20 stories in height. It is situated about six miles from Port Tampa, but has a fine street railway system and it is a ride of but a few minutes to this fort which is one of the most important on the gulf. The government has a magnificent custom house here, and the revenue receipts give it a high place, standing seventh as a revenue producer in this country.

Visited Port Tampa the other day. There was a large number of steam ships at the docks loading and unloading. Flags of many nations were represented. Watched a Cuban vessel load phosphate from an elevator. That it was dirty, disagreeable work is unnecessary to state.

The bay is a beautiful sheet of water. Crossed it this morning with a party of tourists to visit St. Petersburg. The distance is 14 miles and with the perfect summer day made the trip a delightful one. St. Petersburg is a great resort for tourists and there are thousands of them here. Fishing and boat riding are the chief means of recreation. Many fine strings of fish are brought in daily. Pelicans are numerous and are great fishermen, probably catching more than the tourists. Boats of all kinds are numerous and can be rented at very reasonable rates.

The hotel accommodations are first class. Hundreds of northern people are here and I have met several from Ohio. E. M. Spence, of Grant University, Chattanooga, Tenn., tells me that he was a college mate of Burch Miller, Capt. Trimble and other Highland county citizens now deceased. Have been attending the Methodist Church and it is generally filled with tourists. They make a fine looking audience.

Two much can not be said of this delightful climate. Have less rheumatism and catarrh and to it I give all credit. Have not been out to Hillsboro Bay and De Sota Park where the Ohio troops were camped in 1898. Expect to in a few days. J. M.

Presbyterian Church.

Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. Sermon: "What is Christianity?" In the evening the congregation will join in the Union Service at the Methodist Church in behalf of Sunday School work.

Church of Christ.

Bible school 9:15 a. m. Morning service 10:30. Subject: "New Testament Church and Creed." This sermon will be the first of a series on the New Testament church. Its belief and mission in the world. There will be an evening service on account of the Sunday School rally.

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